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SUBJ: PRIEST RELEASED FROM ARGENTINE JAIL RETURNS HOME

1. IRISH PRIEST FATHER PATRICK RICE, IMPRISONED FOR TWO MONTHS IN ARGENTINA FOR "SUBVERSIVE" ACTIVITIES, RETURNED TO IRELAND DEC 5. HE HAS BEEN GIVEN A HERO'S WELCOME AND MUCH PUBLICITY HERE. THE PUBLICITY HAS BEEN CONTINUOUS SINCE HIS ARREST.

2. AT FIRST FATHER RICE REFUSED TO TALK ABOUT HIS IMPRISONMENT STATING THAT ANOTHER PRIEST OF HIS ORDER HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND ANYTHING THAT HE MIGHT SAY WOULD BE DANGEROUS. HOWEVER, HE HAS NOW AGREED TO TELL HIS STORY AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN LONDON DEC 7, ARRANGED BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL. UNDER PRODDING BY REPORTERS HERE HE HAS REVEALED THAT HE WAS ARRESTED AS HE WAS TALKING TO A YOUNG GIRL WHO HAD "PERSONAL PROBLEMS". THOSE ARRESTING HIM SHOWED NO CREDENTIALS. "THERE WAS NO TRIAL AND I NEVER SAW A JUDGE." ABOUT HIS TREATMENT IN PRISON: "ILL TREATMENT IS NORMAL UNDER THE HARSH MILITARY REGIME IN ARGENTINA, AND I GOT THE USUAL SORT OF TREATMENT." CURLEY

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